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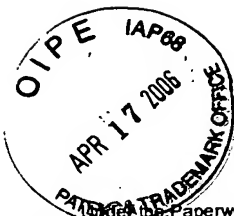
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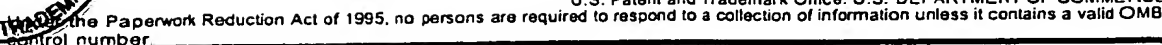
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Title: Voltage-Controlled Capacitor Circuit and Related
Circuitry with Diode and MOS Varactors

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Subject: 1.Information disclosure statement under 37
C.F.R.§1.56.

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2.Petition to request consideration of the
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This is an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance
with the duty to disclose information material to patentability
under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. The applicant wishes to make of record
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30 of the cited references on the form and that it be made of
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the examiner.

Since the IDS is filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, a petition to request consideration of the information disclosure statement is hereby requested according to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). The prior art patents contained in the information disclosure statement were cited in communications from the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office on 02/07/2002 regarding the applicant's Taiwan application 091108587. The applicant sincerely hopes that the examiner can consider each of the items contained in the information disclosure statement.

According to the requirement set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.98 and MPEP 609, the applicant is submitting copies of the cited references (Taiwan Patent No. 251757) and a concise explanation of the relevance to this application.

TP No. 251757 discloses a self-oscillating mixer (SOM). A dual conversion system shown in Fig. 1 includes a radio-frequency (RF) amplifier 31, a first mixer 32, a first local oscillator (connected to the mixer 32), a high intermediate-frequency (IF) filter 34, a high intermediate-frequency amplifier 35, an SOM 1, an intermediate-frequency filter 38, and an intermediate-frequency amplifier 39. The dual conversion system is used to convert a radio-frequency input signal to an intermediate-frequency output signal. The SOM 1 acts as a mixer combined with a local oscillator, and has an amplifier 11 and a feedback oscillation network 12. The amplifier 11 is made of a single NPN transistor, and the feedback oscillation network 12 could include inductors L, capacitors C, and a

varactor diode. The feedback oscillation network 12 is thus a voltage-controlled oscillation (VCO) network. By the modulation capability of the amplifier 11 and the oscillation capability of the feedback oscillation network 12, the SOM 5 1 could be used as a self-oscillating mixer.

The aforementioned art is cited by the Taiwan PTO in the office action regarding the applicant's Taiwan application since it discloses a VCO with an NPN transistor in the amplifier 10 11 and a varactor in the feedback oscillation network 12. However, what the present application discloses is a combination of two different kinds of varactors. One kind of varactor is made of a MOS transistor and the other kind is made of a PN junction transistor (such as a BJT or diode). These two kinds of varactors 15 have different voltage-controlled capacitance characters (shown in Figs. 2A and 3 of the application). The application discloses various ways of appropriately combining these varactors to form various voltage-controlled capacitance characters, such as those shown in Figs. 5 and 8A-8D of the 20 present application. Since the cited art fails to make use of MOS transistor varactors, it cannot gain benefit from the voltage-controlled capacitance characters of the MOS varactors.

25 Claim 1 of the present application includes the above-described differences in the limitations as recited below:

- 30 1. A voltage-controlled capacitor circuit having a first output end and a second output end for forming a capacitor between the first output end and the second output end, the voltage-controlled capacitor circuit comprising:

a **first varactor** having two ends, wherein one end is connected to the first output end; the first varactor **comprising a metal oxide semiconductor (MOS) transistor**, having a source electrode and a drain electrode that are connected to one end of the first varactor, and a gate electrode that is connected to the other end of the first varactor; a first bias voltage being applied to one end of the first varactor and a first control voltage being applied to the other end of the first varactor; a capacitance between the two ends of the first varactor changing according to a difference between the first bias voltage and the first control voltage; and
a **second varactor** having two ends, wherein one end is connected to the second output end; the second varactor **comprising a transistor electrically connected between the two ends of the second varactor for forming a PN-junction** between the two ends of the second varactor; a second bias voltage being applied to one end of the second varactor and a second control voltage being applied to the other end of the second varactor; a capacitance between the two ends of the second varactor changing according to a difference between the second bias voltage and the second control voltage.

Claim 18 of the present application includes the above-described differences in the limitations as recited below:

18. An oscillator for providing an oscillating signal comprising:
a voltage-controlled capacitor circuit having a first output end and a second output end for forming a capacitor

between the first end and the second end comprising:
a first varactor having two ends, wherein one end is connected
to the first output end; the first varactor **comprising**
a MOS transistor, having a source electrode and a drain
5 electrode that are connected to one end of the first
varactor, and a gate electrode that is connected to the
other end of the first varactor; a first bias voltage
being applied to one end of the first varactor and a
first control voltage being applied to the other end
10 of the first varactor; a capacitance between the two
ends of the first varactor changing according to a
difference between the first bias voltage and the first
control voltage; and

a second varactor having two ends, wherein one end is
15 connected to the second output end; the second varactor
comprising a transistor electrically connected between
the two ends of the second varactor for forming a
PN-junction between the two ends of the second varactor;
a second bias voltage being applied to one end of the
20 second varactor and a second control voltage being
applied to the other end of the second varactor; a
capacitance between the two ends of the second varactor
changing according to a difference between the second
bias voltage and the second control voltage.

25 an inductor electrically connected to the
voltage-controlled capacitor circuit;

an oscillating circuit comprising an oscillating input end
for receiving an oscillating input signal, and an
oscillating output end electrically connected to the
30 inductor and to the voltage-controlled capacitor
circuit for changing a phase of the oscillating input
signal according to a resonance effect generated between

the inductor and the capacitor connected between the first input end and the second input end, and for feeding back the phase-changed oscillating input signal to the oscillating input end to generate the oscillating signal.

From the above it can be seen that the present application is substantially different from the teachings of TP No. 251757. Claims 2-17 are dependant on claim 1 and claims 19-27 are dependent on claim 18, and thus also include these differentiating limitations.

Sincerely,

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